

MILKFAT TESTER

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Legal Authority Code of Iowa, Chapter 192

Job Description As a basis for ensuring compliance with company and government standards and setting the purchase price, milkfat testers perform standardized tests to determine the percentage of milkfat. They may work in dairy plants or laboratories.

Education & Experience Required Applicants must be at least 16 years of age; however, no formal education or training is required. Licenses for testers from other states are not applicable.

Continuing Education There are currently no continuing education requirements for license renewal.

Examination A tester must pass exams that are administered at the worker's location at the employer's request. One can prepare for the exams by studying manuals from the Department of Agriculture.

Fees Application: \$25
Duration: Two years (beginning July 1, 2002 per legislation passed in 2002)
Renewal: \$25
Other: Fees may be paid either by the employer or the individual.

SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage 43-5111 – Weighers, Measurers, Checkers, and Samplers, Recordkeeping (\$12.57)
51-9061 – Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers (\$14.94)

Number of Licenses Issued Total number of licenses active as of December 31,
2002: 13
2001: 23
2000: N/A
1999: 29
1998: 30